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Weather

Sunny, cloudy could be mild

Carl DeMol has volunteered his services to help in fund raising activities and public awareness in co-operation with Rick Hansen's odyssey of travelling around the world; he started his tour of the Niagara Region on Friday.

-Photo by Donna Morrison

Man in motion wheels for spinal cure

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

He is seen by some as a symbol, a spokesman trying to create a world-wide awareness. His dream began two years ago, and already he has travelled through countless countries and logged many miles. His feat has won many hearts and collected money for research. He is the force behind the Man in Motion tour. Rick Hansen came to the Niagara Peninsula last Friday.

"He is the ideal ambassador for wheelchair sports as well as a spokesman in trying to get his message across," Carl DeMol, local Niagara Falls co-ordinator for the Man in Motion tour, said.

The paraplegic athlete hopes to complete a distance of 40,073 kilometres (24,901 miles) in his odyssey of travelling around the world to inform others on spinal cord injuries and to help raise money for its research.

Symbolic

Mr. DeMol said the distance is "symbolic"; it represents the circumference of the world without actually going around it.

So far, Rick has travelled more than 30,000 kilometres and seen 34 countries.

Mr. DeMol, who is in a wheelchair himself, appreciates what Rick is doing."He is showing people that people in wheelchairs are no different than others."

Spinal cord injuries can happen to anyone, just like that. A jump from a diving board. Smack. The spine can break if the head comes in contact with cement. In a car accident, the spine can become crushed under the weight of torn wreckage. On a motorcycle the head can smash on the pavement after the body is thrown 20 feet from an accident, the spine bends and paralysis can occur.

Progress

Mr. DeMol said there is some progress in understanding more about spinal cord injuries, but for more research, money is needed. He said a spinal cord has many nerve endings and when severed is hard to join again.

"Imagine cutting a ball of wool in half and then trying to match each half back together," he said. "That is what they must do with the nerves in spinal cord injuries."

Mr. DeMol attended Niagara College in mechanical engineering technology in 1969 to 70 before the accident that left him in a wheelchair. He is now taking night courses. His job as co-ordinator is part-time; he has been working in Niagara Falls for a manufacturer of heat pumps and air conditioning systems. He is a past president of the Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association, recognized

Turn to 12

Explosion knocks out electricity

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

"A huge orange flash of light" was seen at the St. Catharines Campus after a 130,000 volt transformer was blown, causing a blackout on Nov. 12.

Hydro workers failed to engage the legs of a transformer causing a disconnected switch to ground out, after initially turning the power off, John Coles, plant and property, said.

"The whole thing just disintegrated, and then you should have seen the people scatter, me included," Mr. Coles said.

Anything mechanical will go wrong, Mr. Coles said. It was a "freakish" occurrence and the hydro company is not at fault.

Power came on at 4:20 a.m. Twenty-three night school classes were cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Barbara Fonfara, administrator, said, "It was a little eerie walking through a dark school." Although rooms with windows had light, other areas such as the library were dark, she said.

After the students had left at 2:30, the power was turned off by the Public Utility Commission in order for an electrician to adjust setting or cut down on power going to the computer room.

George Watson, maintenance department, said the transformer was taking on too much power — 130 volts. (Another maintenance worker said it should have been 110.) At this high power, it would burn out the light bulbs or drain the school's power, he said.

JP tops

Niagara College's Journalism program is rated among the top three journalism programs in Ontario by the Ontario Community Newspapers Assosiation.

Dave de Jong, chairman of the OCNA Education Committee, told the program's Advisory Committee earlier this month that the program's graduates are highly regarded among weekly newspaper editors. The other colleges named were Centennial in Toronto and Loyalist in Belleville.

Mr.de Jong said he was encouraged to hear that the college listened to recommendations of an advisory committee and made changes in courses. Mr. de Jong is editor of The Burlington Post.

Several changes were made in course content in Niagara's program this year after a graduate survey, an advisory committee study and an Editors' Day attended by more than 20 editors to the discuss the program.

Extend bus service, college students say

By MARLENE NAGEL
Staff Writer

Students complain Welland bus hours should be extended because the buses don't run past 7 p.m. except on Fridays, but Joe Hrechanyk, transit superintendent, says extension is not feasible. At $3.45 per mile to operate a bus, one unproductive route really draws the revenue down.

"People want it (extended hours), but it's not enough people," Mr. Hrechanyk said.

The transit system is trying to keep the cost down. The revenue to cost ratio is 50 per cent — for every dollar spent the transit system should receive 50 per cent — for every dollar spent the transit system sjould receive 50 cents. Right now, it is getting about 37 per cent back.

"People are critical of our system," Mr. Hrechanyk said. "we're too big a city not to have a transit system...to small to have a better system."

Out of three transit systems in the Niagara Peninsula, Welland is the one to show a definite increase in ridership — it is 4.2 per cent higher than last year.

MUCH PLANNING

A lot of planning and thinking goes into making the routes for the buses. Natural boundaries make the routes difficult. A staff has to look, at how to do the route, where the bus will go and at what times, 30 minutes per route.

Each operator has to work at least two hours and only five days a week; this must be incorporated into, the schedule. To extend the hours the transit system would need more operators, more servicemen and longer shop hours.

Shop employees go into the shop at 5 a.m. to get the buses running and pull them out for the drivers. They check to make sure everything is running properly and leave at 1:30 p.m. Mechanics go in at 8 a.m. to fix any buses that have mechanical problems, such as brake jobs and leave at 4:30 p.m. The night service men go in at 3:30 p.m. to check the buses at the end of the day and make any repairs that are needed. They leave the shop at 12 a.m.

The total estimated expenditure for the transit system for this year was set at $1,276,200. The income was estimated at $363,200. This left $913,000 left to be paid. The estimated subsidy from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication was $346,000. Thus $567,000 had to be picked up by taxpayers at more than $12.50 per person.

Lest I Forget

A tearless cry,
the empty souls,
the forgotten lives
from times ago.
They asked for peace;
they found none.
They fought for peace;
they found death,
a terrible price to pay
for freedom,
freedom they will never know again.
One minute is all they asked for
out of a lifetime,
a lifetime that was shortened
by the
blast of a gun.
How easily we forget yesterday.
We should not cling to yesterday,
but we should not forget it
who will remember yesterday
when we all die and are gone?
When I die
will Rememberance Day live on?

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Focus Health Centre meets students needs....pg. 5

For people who don't have quite enough room for miniatures, Cathy Berti, of Weston, Ont., has just the thing — mini-miniatures. Ms. Berti, joined dozens of merchants at the show where mini items were big business.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Tree-trimming is no trouble at all when the tree is only a foot tall. Daisy Winskel, an active GNOME member peeks into a Christmas corner, part of a display to promote interest in miniatures.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Donor clinic coming Nov. 27

A blood donor clinic will be held Nov. 27 in the gym.

The class with the highest percentage of participants will receive the Corpsuckle Cup and may receive other prizes.

The trophy was awarded to the ambulance students last year.

"We want everyone to support it," Dave Rapelje, vice-presisdent of external affairs, Student Administrative Council, said.

The clinic is held annually to support the Canadian Red Cross Society.

"The Red Cross wants Niagara College to support the clinic because they can get more donors at the school than they could get at a small clinic," Dave said.

Pop and doughnuts will be given to donors after they have give blood.

Enthusiasts' display

Wonderful world in miniature

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

There are giant gnomes and little ones, bearded gnomes and balding ones, boy gnomes and girl ones and they inhabit a world that fits in the palm of a hand.

The Greater Niagara Original Miniature Enthusiasts (GNOME) shared their small world with hundreds of people Nov. 9 during the first annual show. Miniatures were sold, displayed or entered in competition at the White Oaks Inn.

The juried shows, the highlight of the event, included individual items, miniature booths, and box rooms. The box rooms were very popular with visitors.

Box rooms are boxes with at least one side removed and a room displayed inside. The imagination and workmanship involved in these displays delighted onlookers.

Bearaphernalia

There were old fashioned kitchens and dining rooms and a collection of shops, including several general stores. One shop was called Bearaphernalia, featuring everything and anything to do with teddy bears.

One exhibit was meant to be viewed from the front and back. The front showed a probition era funeral parlor with a man sitting in a casket, sipping on a glass of alcohol. The rear of the display, glimpsed from the front, had a party going on.

Only the observant noticed a risque scene. A couple enjoyed a day on the patio. The woman lounged on a chair and the man soaked in a hot tub. The man appeared to have forgotten his swimming trunks.

A bedroom, done to scale by Judy Wansbrough, was the size of two rooms. The rooms are designed according to what she and her husband would like. "If you have to think small, you might as well think big," she said.

Dealers sold everything from material for upholstery and draperies to pots and pans the size of a thumb nail. Ready-made furniture and do-it-yourself kits tempted shoppers.

Prices ranged from $1.25 for a tiny magazine to $100 for a thumb-sized violin. Doll houses ranged from $1,245 for a hand-made mansion to $145 for a modest two-storey home fitted with working lights.

People are attracted to miniatures for a variety of reasons. Cathy Berti, from Weston, Ont., said, "It's a way to extend your childhood. It's just fun"

"It would be impossible to afford all these things in real size. You couldn't change your wallpaper or furniture every time you want," she said.

Just fun

Ms. Berti said she "could say something grand about making history — but who're we kidding. It's just fun. It's a way to stay a kid."

Harry and Isabel Learn, active members of the GNOME club since it started in 1984, brought some of their work to the show and picked up two prizes in the juried competition.

Mrs. Learn said she started with lace-draped porcelain dolls and graduated to making a dollhouse from a kit.

"It's a great hobby" because it can be done in couples, she said. "It' great if senior citizens can do things together."

Although some are in their 40s, most of the 40-member club are seniors, she said.

Bearded gnome

Wilson Johnston, a husky, bearded gnome, said he has been a woodcarver and a sculptor for about 45 years.

"This is just the ticket. I can put my whole show in a briefcase — no more heavy lifting or anything," he said.

In miniatures most people work with a scale of one inch equals one foot, Mr. Johnston said. "But some people want to see how small they can get."

A lot of people do not know about antique tools so "I tell people what they are for — explain about them. I have a lot of fun," he said.

Ralph Farris, GNOME club treasu... said, "It was a crap shoot. It was an unknown quantity — the first time for us. I'd say it was a success."

Visitors, greeeted by smiling, cheerful, red-capped gnomes at the door, did not see the confusion and frantic activity that started at 7:30 a.m. Everyone — dealer and competitor — hurried to get everything ready for the 10 a.m. opening.

By the time 4 p.m. arrived, there were red-capped gnomes and hatless ones, happy gnomes and hungry ones, eager gnomes and tired ones and they were leaving their tiny world behind — for a while at least. They plan to return again next year.

Sweater draw

The winner of the fashion club's sweater draw, Norma General, bought three tickets about an hour before the draw.

The sweater was made by Tracy Waugh, a second-year fashion arts student, to help the club raise money for a trip to Montreal to check out fashion trends.

The fashion club sold about 200 tickets at 50 cents a piece and made about $200 minus the price of the wool.

Norma was pleased she won the sweater, "It's a beautiful, really well made and beautiful colors," she said.

Spend 84 cents daily on travel in Europe

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

Meeting people is the key to success while travelling, Gil White, author of Europe on 84 cents a day, told students in the Hamilton Room Nov. 6.

Mr. White went to Europe in 1981 and spent less than $1,000, including return air fare. He travelled through 30 countries in four months spending only $100 on food, which included two good meals a day, $100 on stamps, beer, and gifts and $2.75 on accommodation.

In his book, Mr. White describes 16 ways to get free accommodation

Before leaving Canada get the addresses of relatives, or relatives of friends who can provide a room.

Staying in youth hostels is not expensive, but it is not free, he said. University residences are a good place to try, sometimes there is an extra room or an extra bed. Hotels are a good place to stay, and you can work for your room.

In return for accommodation, you should do work around the house like dishes, chopping wood, running errands, or playing with the kids.

Hitchhiking is a good way to travel.

"It saves you a lot of money and you can meet people. I only waited 10 to 15 minutes for a ride."

He said to get a ride you should be clean, you should not have a lot of luggage and you should carry a Canadian flag.

People in Europe like Canadians, he said. A man told him, "I always stop for a Canadian."

Travelling alone is not lonely, he said. You can meet a lot of people, and you learn a lot about yourself.

He did not find the language difference a problem. He carried language dictionaries, and used hand signs and facial expressions to relay his messages.

He stressed budgeting money while travelling.

"I saw 10 to 15 extra countries because I budgeted my money."

Every day, expenses are different; not every day will cost 84 cents. Some days will be more and some will be less.

"The less money you spend the better time you will have," Mr. White said.

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Jan Hoselton, first-year journalism student, sits in the position of authority in Canada's House of Commons — the speaker's chair — during a visit by 45 Niagara College students to Ottawa recently. The students met area Members of Parliament and took in several of the major points of interest in the nation's capital on the three-day trip. the trip was arranged by Eugene Maltais, politics instructor in the School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences.

Smoking Committee considers new policy

Niagara College has taken its first step in developing a smoking policy. Niagara President Jacqueline Robarts has asked Hans van der Slagt, dean, School of Business, to set up a committee to discuss the possibility of creating a smoke-free environment for the college. The committee is to be made up of representatives from administration, faculty, support staff, SAC, Health Centre Nurse Marion Kerr and a representative from the St. Catharines Student Senate.

Mr. van ser Slagt said he hopes the committee will develop a policy to protect the rights of smokers and non-smokers.

A survey conducted by a marketing class at the Welland Campus shows 53 per cent of students smoke and 40 per cent of these favor a total ban and four per cent of smokers agree with a ban.

Niagara follows Mohawk and Sheridan colleges which have policies in place and allow smoking in certain areas which are directly ventilated to the outside.

Solitary pumpkin takes first prize

Four law and security administration students won $25 and four SAC T-shirts in SAC's pumpkin-carving contest Oct. 31.

Brian Bylsma, Mark Fehr, Harry Claassen and John Caporuscio, all second-year students, entered the only pumpkin.

Tuition increases

Students registering for the 1987-88 school year will be paying more for tuition. The standard fees will rise to $620 from $595.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said, "The increase is in relation of the cost of living. The student is still paying a small percentage of operating costs. "I am sympathetic towards students who have to find the extra money."

Several years ago, "tuition was the same for a couple of years then there was a major hike of say $75," she said. The increases have been regular "for the last four years." It is easier on the students if it is a smaller increase.

Gradual increases are helpful to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). It is "easier for stability to have gradual increases rather than to underwrite a sudden increase," Miss Robarts said.

Students see Ottawa 'behind the scenes'

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Political Science students from Niagara College had a "behind the scenes" look at the House of Commons during a visit to Ottawa this month.

About 45 students studying with Eugene Maltais went on the trip from Nov. 4 to Nov. 8.

They were given a guided bus tour of Ottawa, embassies and the homes of ambassadors. They were invited to meet with the members of parliament representing the Niagara Peninsula region. The MPs who attended this meeting were Allan Pietz, of Welland, Joe Reid, of St. Catharines, and Rob Nicholson, of Niagara Falls.

They arranged for the students to have a "behind the scenes" tour of the House of Commons and invited the students into the Conservative party caucus room, known as the Railway Room.

The students were given a short tour of the Parliamentary Library, the only part of the original structure to escape a fire which destroyed the Centre Block of Parliament in 1916. They were able to see a miniature of the library made entirely of sugar, recreated in precise detail.

They also visited the Peace Tower, and saw the Book of Remembrance, and visited the National Gallery, the War Museum and the Museum of Man.

The group were given free time two afternoons and every evening. During the last few hours in Ottawa, the law and security students were picked up in the Rideau Centre by two plain clothes policemen. The two officers approached the students and asked if they would participate in a police line-up. The suspect's description in the case matched that of the two students. Marco Scapillati and Yves Aubin co-operated with the Ottawa police and were paid $5 each for their time. Unknown to the students at the time, it was a rape case that was under investigation.

Look out, bogus $$$ traceable!

Someone could go to jail for 14 years. Counterfeit money has been found in area vending machines, including some at Niagara College

Staff Sergeant George McGloin, Niagara Regional Police, said, "They will get caught. We catch them all the time — it's just a matter of when."

"We have ways of catching them that can prove that they did it or had the money at one time," he said.

A counterfeit is said to be complete "as long as it partly resembles the thing it was meant to resemble, even when the note is not perfected." This applies to coins and paper money.

LONG TIME

Staff Sgt. McGloin said the penalty of 14 years in prison applies to anyone who "buys, receives or is in possesion" of counterfeit money and anyone who tries to use it.

"There have been many convictions" for using bogus bills and slugs in machines, he said.

The Canadian Constitution states that the federal government is solely responsible for the production of currency — paper and coin. Any attempts to use something else as currency — from photocopied dollar bills in stores to bus tokens in pop machines — is classified as counterfeiting.

Early in Canada's history playing cards were used as legal tender. A shortage of coins in New France forced the government to assign certain denominations to playing cards signed by the governor. This type of creativity is illegal today.

TRIP TODAY

Computer engineering technology students are going on an annual field trip to the Canadian Computer Show in Toronto today.

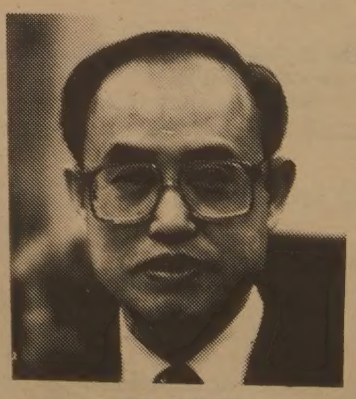
Dr. Chen to give two seminars

Dr. Gordon Chen, Niagara instructor, will give two seminars at the Canadian Programmable Control Conference at the Hamilton Convention Centre this week.

A programmable logic controller (PLC) is a microcomputer using an electrical method of controlling the actions of an industrial robot. The PLC monitors temperature, pressure, and control in a continual process of the robot as well.

Dr. Chen, programmable logic controller instructor, will give papers on connecting programmable controllers to local networks, and human resources in programmable control applications.

The main speaker at the conference will be George Peapples, president of General Motors



DR. CHEN

Canada. With him will be executive officers from the machinery, plastics, chemical and food industries. About 30 speakers and more than 300 delegates from Canada, the United States and Europe are expected to be at the conference, Dr. Chen said.

Niagara College will have a booth at the conference to show the college teachers PLC and to attract students to the technical programs.

Nick Ciolfi and Larry Clark, technical instructors, will demonstrate a general purpose industrial robot,"Moe," controlled by a programmable control form the College lab. "Moe" is expected to create a favorable impression on the "highly qualified" audience, Dr. Chen said.

Dr. Chen created the first Canadian PLC conference and exhibition in Hamilton last November. It was an immediate success and led to this conference which is sponsored by the IEEE Hamilton section.

We Can Work Miracles

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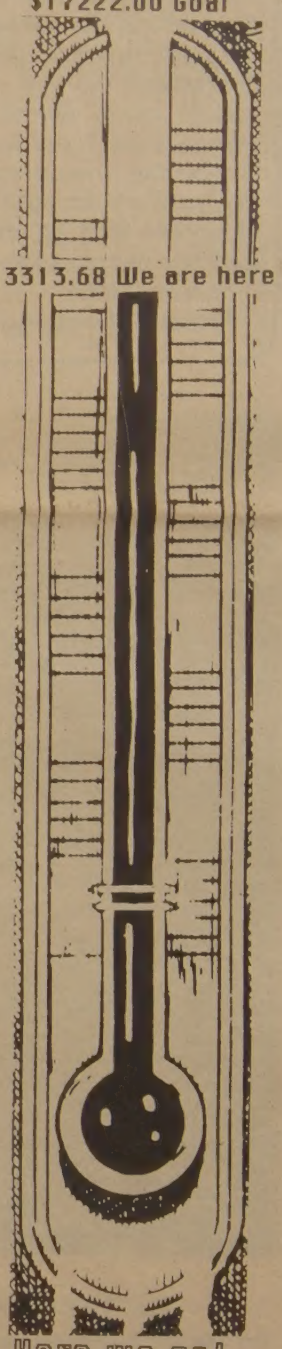

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Editorials

A place for garbage

Are students at Niagara College lazy?

If not, why is garbage always piled up in the ashtrays?

Perhaps with school they have more important things to think about than where garbage should go, but to a smoker the problem is irritating.

Students cannot seem to walk to the nearest garbage can to put their garbage where it belongs.

What if a smoker were to put a cigarette in the garbage can? If a fire were to start, smokers would never hear the end of it.

It's true there are more ashtrays than garbage cans, but the garbage cans are in prominant places. They are within easy reach of people who should use them. Perhaps people do not realize that it is a problem.

Instead of walking to a garbage can, students wait for the janitor to make his rounds and empty all of the garbage-filled ashtrays into the garbage for them.

Non-smokers and smokers are equally guilty of putting garbage into the ashtrays.

The least that can be done is for people to put the garbage into the containers below the ashtrays. This way there would be less chance of putting a cigarette in with flamable garbage which could cause a fire.

It is everyone's responsibility. Both smokers and non-smokers should know where to dispose of their garbage. Be aware of the problem. Accidents can be prevented if everyone stays alert and less irritation will be caused.

Bobbie Storey

Social life vs food

Wow.. am I hungry. Let's see — half a loaf of bread, a carton of milk, two eggs and enough beer to open a restaurant. Well I think I will grab a burger and fries at Harvey's.

Sound familiar? Some students' refrigerators look like that, and some students eat like that.

Students who have lived at home for a number of years, eating regular, well-balanced meals, find it hard to buy food that has the nutritional value they need when they live on their own.

The surprising thing, though, is that students can afford to eat right, but choose not to. Sometimes the main concern is having enough money to go out on the weekends. Forget the groceries, you say, we'll eat out.

Canada's Food Guide gives the number of servings from the four main food groups people should have daily.

The college cafeteria helps with its big salad bar filled with leafy greens and vegetables or the soups, and bran muffins. But more often than not people crave the french fries smothered in vinegar, ketchup, salt, or gravy. Or they grab a huge slice of pepperoni pizza.

Sometimes these foods can be eaten, but not all the time. Self-styled "starving students" do not have to be.

If students cut down on their junk-food consumption — not totally, some fast-food restaurants depend on us — they may feel healthier, fitter and more alert, and that is an advantage for everyone.

Donna Morrison

Setting Sun

Setting sun breaks through on a cold November day late in the afternoon leaving a crisp, peaceful scene over old Welland Canal in Dain City. Clouds in the sky above give indication of winter weather coming just over the horizon.

Photo by Gary Bellinger

Letters to the Editor

Journalism program gets pat on back

Dear Editor:

Tempus Fugit. I have been privileged to be on the Niagara News mailing list since its very first issue and continue to enjoy and appreciate the excellent reporting and writing which characterizes your journalism and print students.

On many occasions your newspaper has been the source of insight into Niagara College activities for our faculty and administrators. Last year, our college newspaper, was resurrected once again. I was asked by the publisher to give my advice and comments. Needless to say, I searched for my last issue of the Niagara News. The publisher was delighted and subsequently changed the format in keeping with your presentation.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your students and your staff for a superb job of jopurnalism in a practical form, which is the very essence of the community college philosophy and mandate.

Continued good luck and success to your students.

C.J. Crocco
Coordinator
Hotel Management Program
Confederation College
Thunder Bay, Ont

Well done, Suzanne

Dear Editor;

I would like to commend your staff writer, Suzanne Hernandez, for her recent article on the Kids on the Block program that involves some of our ERSN students.

Suzanne gave a very insightful and factual account of the group and its purpose. More importantly she managed, in a few lines, to grasp the feel of the short plays and their appeal to young audiences while also teaching them about the disabled.

I appreciate the time and dedication that Suzanne brings to her writing.

Pat Frank
Instructor,
Educational Resources and
Special Needs program.

Fight to stay not over

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the financial aid office, my fellow classmates and all my teachers for all their efforts and support on my behalf to obtain help so I could remain in school.

I would like to appeal to my fellow students with schedules similar or close to my own for a ride daily, back and forth to class at the Welland Campus.

I cannot at present compensate those who have helped me until my battle to remain in school is over. I will promise, however, to do my best to make it up to them in the future to the best of my ability.

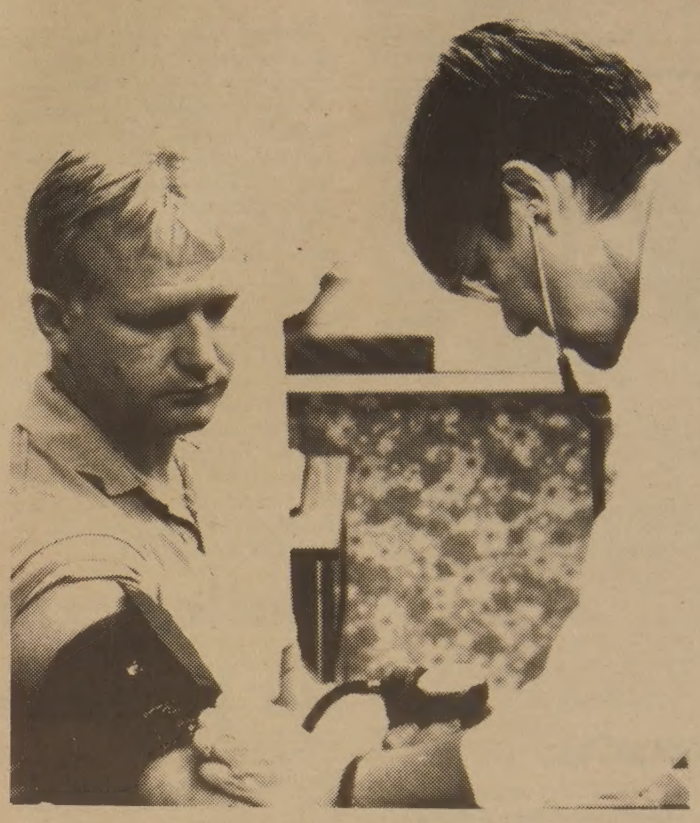
I can be reached through the newsroom or at home: 735-7275

Elenor Gibson
First-year Journalism

Focus on Health Centre

Dr. Gerry Alexander demonstrates one of instruments on Chris Dopke. This instrument shines light in the inner ear so a docotr can see if there is an infection.

Photo by Anne Gable



The Health Centre's care extends to students as well as teachers and both can suffer high blood pressure. Nurse Marian Kerr checks Gerald Brown, computer and electronic teacher's blood pressure.

Photo by Kathleen Harvey

Health Centre grown up

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

The Health Centre first opened its doors in 1968. Its staff consisted of one person, Eleanor Snider, instructor in the health records program, as part-time nurse. The centre had a consulting physician but no regular doctor.

In 1986 the Health Centre has a staff of four: nurse Marian Kerr, the centre's only full-time staff member; Dr. Gerry Alexander, Dr. Joanne Deveaux and receptionist Eva Rose.

Dr. Alexander came to the college on Sept. 20, 1972. His first Tuesday clinic at the college had nine patients. In the past 14 years he's seen some of the 15,975 students who have shadowed the doors of the clinic.

Dr. Deveaux took over the Thursday clinic last year after two years in a hospital in the Bahamas after her graduation from Memorial University in Newfoundland.

The receptionist, Mrs. Rose, works for the doctors in their regular practice in Welland. The doctors use their days off to hold clinics at the college for students.

The clinic has had a variety of students over the past years. Dr. Alexander's original partner was Dr. Doug Lewis, of Toronto, who held a Friday clinic from 1978 to 1981 when he returned to Toronto. His replacement, Dr. Michael Lovegrove, was here until this year.

In 1982 the centre, in response to a need for a gynecologist on staff, hired Dr. Elizabeth Johnston. Dr. Johnston held a clinic on Thursdays till last year when she returned to Toronto and Dr. Deveaux joined the centre.

The Health centre has moved as the college has grown. It was first located in the Mackenzie building where the women's athletic offices are now. It was moved to the Brant Annex in 1970 and then to its present place in the Lundy Wing.

Relief on campus

Health Centre staff giving students personal attention for special needs

By ANNE GABLE
and KATHLEEN HARVEY
Staff Writers

The room is neither formal nor fancy. Seen through the glazed eyes of a nauseated, worried student, it represents relief.

The nurse at the desk is kind and sympathetic. Monday to Friday she assists students in finding proper medical care in a strange town.

She will make an appointment with a clinic doctor or arrange help at a hospital for emergencies. Nurse Marian Kerr is an essential part of the Health Centre at Niagara College.

The health centre is open 9a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Two doctors hold clinics on Tuesdays an Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Personal care

The patient is guided into an examination room. He is greeted by one of the two doctors, Dr. G.A. Alexander, a clinic doctor for 16 years, or Dr. Joanne Deveaux, a graduate from Memorial University, Newfoundland.

Dr. Alexander said he loves working with students and tries to be like their regular doctor when they are away from home.

A student receives personal care and confidentiality is protected, he said.

The care of the centre's staff puts patients at ease, Dr. Deveaux said. The key is to establish a rapporte and then working with students is not difficult.

A student may be tested for asthma, blood pressure, a temperature and signs of pneumonia or bronchitis.

Students away from home often require medical care, Dr. Alexander said. An emergency unit at a hospital provides only "one shot treatment" and does not offer follow-up care.

Both doctors at the centre recognize the special needs a student may have. Without the immediate health care offered at the centre, students may go for days without proper medical attention. The Health Centre in the Lundy Wing is accessable and easy to find.

A simple throat infection can be diagnosed at an early stage. The centre can provide antibiotics to prevent potentially serious illnesses.

Frequently a patient cannot afford to buy medicine to help get over a throat infection. Antibiotics are expensive. Having just turned 21, a student may no longer be covered by OHIP.

But the centre is not a moneymaker. The staff realizes some students do not have coverage and cannot afford the full price of medicine. The doctors keep a supply of medicine for students who "just don't have the money" to pay for it, Dr. Alexander said.

Financial difficulties

Medical suppliers understand the financial difficulties of students. "They go way beyond what's necessary," providing much more than they would for a normal practice, Dr. Deveaux said.

Working through the Welland Hospital for three years before opening a clinic at the college, Dr. Alexander said he saw college students come to the emergency unit of the hospital because they had nowhere else to go for medical attention.

Dr. Deveaux said the emergency unit at a hospital is already overloaded and should be used only for emergencies. Non-emergency cases wait a long time before they are helped there. The clinic provides immediate care for students with out the long waits.

More committed

The centre has seen more than 15,975 patients come through its doors since the clinic opened in 1972.

Dr. Alexander said students have changed over the years. " Students seem more committed, more serious and career-oriented." In the '70s, there were a lot of drug-related and emotional problems among students, Dr. Alexander said.

He said he has to be dogmatic and assertive towards students to encourage a higher level of health care. They rely too much on their bodies to fight infections and, sometimes, that is not enough.

The centre acts as a crisis intervention centre and a place to go for confidential counselling. It provides literature on everything from blood pressure to birth control to drug problems.

The centre provides its own staff and is not funded by the college. Mrs. Kerr is hired by the college as a full-time nurse. She began in 1969.Students with a medical problem away from home can be confident the care at the centre will equal the attention of his own doctor.

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Sincerely,
Sue Tanchak
First-year Human Relations

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It's snow surprise

The brown world of autumn was transformed into a white world of fantasy — at least temporarily. Last week's snowfall shocked people into realizing just how close winter really is. The light dusting of snow was just enough to tease skiers and terrify shovelers.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Budget cuts claim CDU as victim, still offering computer teaching

By KATHLEEN HARVEY
Staff Writer

Budget cuts mean the Curriculum Development Unit will be winding down to a close even though its work is "becoming more important to the overall financial health of the college," the president's executive council has decided.

Funding for the unit will continue only until March, the council said.

The unit will cease to exist, but the function will still be there, CDU co-ordinator Brian Green said. Each school will have its own curriculum development designer.

What has been developed up to this point will still be used, Mr. Green said. A lab offering computer teaching will still be available to students.

PEC decided at its Oct. 20 meeting that, in the meantime, "members will be assigned to specific areas within schools where immediate curriculum repackaging or development of new programs is essential."

WILL SAVE

In the long term, the college may lose money it could have earned through developing programs, Mr. Green said. But in the short term, the decision saves the college money.

When the college stops designing computer learning programs that can be sold, it may be breaking itself off from a means of making monery, he said. CDU has sold programs in a small way, but if it had another year, the unit could be cost-efficient.

Niagara was granted $225,000 to begin computer development 1983 as a part of Goldcoin, a federally-funded project involving seven Ontario colleges to develop and share computer expertise.

Since then, the only expense has been the salaries of two full-time employees, Mr. Green said.

Computers teach students at their own pace. "One student went from absolutely no typing skills to typing 20 words a minute in a week," Mr. Green said. Learning discs are fashioned after video games; "Students really get involved in them."

Curriculum development has been a separate function of the unit. It designs course curricula to respond to a changing work force. It creates effective programs through working closely with instructors and specialists to develop courses that offer skills an employer is looking for.

College cannot meet requests for phone service at $30,000

Twenty-five requests for telephone service will eventually cost Niagara College $30,000, Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told Mr. Zanutto that the college cannot afford such an expense. The funds are needed to expand new educational ideas instead.

Where the budget does allow it, it will cost the college $30,000 to expand the existing telephone system to meet the demand the expanded staff has put on it, he said.

"This cost is like a teacher's salary to expand the telephone system," he said.

Four years ago Niagara College broke away from the old Bell System of rental equipment and bought their own telephone system for $380,000. This new telephone system will save the college $400,000 to $500,000 in an eight-year span, Mr. Zanutto said.

Since the expansion is not taking place this year, a memo has been circulated to departments trying to free up telephones that are not being used.

The college is trying to use the equipment it already has for cost effectiveness, Mr. Zanutto said.

"People don't like giving away their telephones even if they aren't being used," he said. "People are not very rational when it comes to telephones." "The telephone is the freedom component, it allows people to do so many different things."

Varied costumes sell on Welland campus

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

To be or not to be, a cricket or a king, as the human mind crossed the line into the intriguing world of fantasy.

They came in swarms. Not the bees, the people. They were there for the Niagara College Theatre Centre's annual costume sale Oct. 28.

"It's just amazing," Christina Gent, administrative assistant for the theatre centre, said.

The sale, that was to start at noon, got off to an early start. "At 11 o'clock they were swarming, we didn't even have the costumes on the racks yet," Shoshana Tyson, costume assistant, said. "We made about $1,000."

Alma Rainville, a faculty member at the college, was one of the eager shoppers and purchased a Japanese kimono, made of real silk, for $20. She purchased three tickets for the draw to win two Elizabethian costumes and, to her delight, became the grand winner,

"I'm ecsatic, I'm overwhelmed," she said. Mrs. Rainville's stroke of good luck solved a problem of what her husband was going to wear to a Halloween party they were attending.

At least 50 costumes lined the racks and were as varied as the people who bought them. "Some tried on six or seven costumes before they found one they liked," Miss Gent said. Headresses, masks and head plates "went really quickly." "We has boxes and boxes and boxes of stuff and it's all gone," she said, half way throuhg the sale.

FOR BUSINESS

Madeleine Aubin's reason for attending was to build a wardrobe for a business she plans to start, renting cosstumes. "I'm too late," she said as two racks, previously overloaded, lay empty and pushed aside.

"When do you want it back," one student asked Ms. Tyson, not fully understanding what was taking place.

"A lot of people came with their kids, or met them here," she said. A small person, Ms. Tyson was more than happy to model costumes for potential buyers who were unsure if their choices would fit their children.

"I come to the sale almost every year," Bea Ferguson said. "This is a lot easier than making your own costumes, I'll tell you." She approached the table loaded down with material and purchased five outfits for $80. "Everything here is so inexpensive, you can trade with friends."

Prices ranged from $2 for a lab coat to $50 for a handpainted leather Indian princess costume. Boxes scattered the floor, housing an array of ant army breast plates and helmets.

"I hate Halloween," one student said as her girlfriend became engrossed.

"There were six to seven people at a time waiting to pay," Ms. Tyson said. The people were "very enthusiastic."

"Response was fantastic, and we hope to do it again next year at the Welland Campus," Miss Gent said. "It was good because people didn't realize the work we do here, the detail that's put into the costumes."

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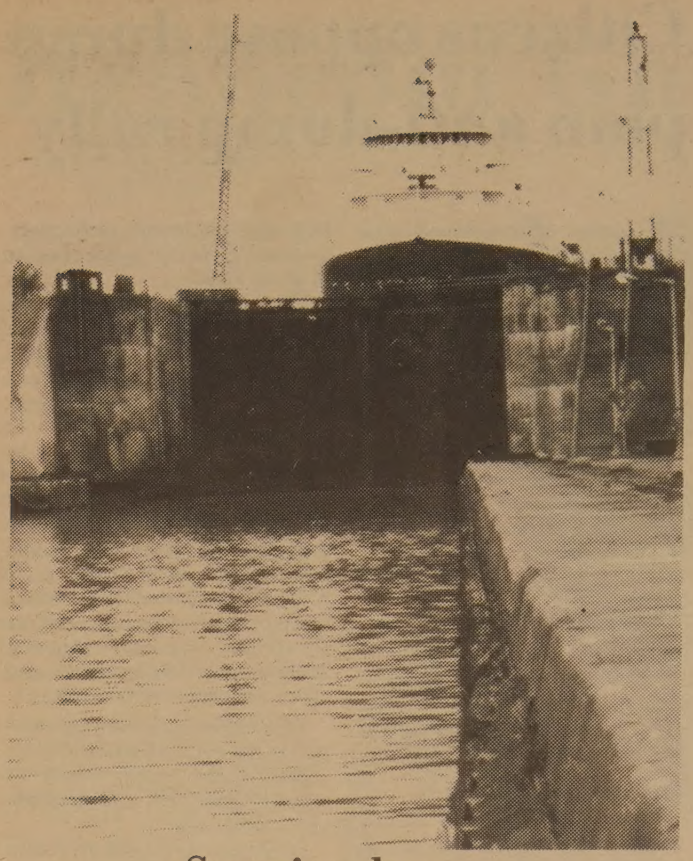

Stepping down

The Rimouski is waiting to be lowered in lock 1, located at Port Weller. After being loaded in Thunder Bay with 27,500 tons of export grain; the ship is bound for a port down the St. Lawrence River. It would take a ship this size 10 to 14 hours to travel the 27 miles through the Welland Canal, joining Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Lock 1 is the last lock in the Welland Canal that a ship must go through when traveling eastward to Lake Ontario.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Pride of Lions: courage, strength friendship key to club success

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Lions are strong and brave; and someone who is the best at something is called an ace.

Lions' Aces, a social group for disabled adults, fits the definitions. Actually, members explain, Aces refers to what the club does — arts, crafts, excercise and socialize.

A ripple of laughter comes down the table at the mention of excercise. Voices are heard to say "excercise what excercise" and "excercise with our mouths maybe."

Take trips

They occasionally go out to lunch or take trips to places such as Kitchener Market and the Corning Glasss works in New York. Wherever they go, an important consideration is whether destination is accessible to the disabled.

The "majority of the members are in their early 60s" and have disabilities ranging from arthritis to strokes, Ethel Kovachs said.

Madeline Coats, president of this high-spirited group, is a soft spoken woman who puts time and energy into group projects.

MADELINE COATS

There is also a bazaar held every year, Mrs. Coats said. Raffles are also held. This year the bazaar and raffle were held Nov. 1 with prizes of an oil painting, a ceramic clock and a wreath — all made by the group members.

The club was started Feb. 9 1981, by member Barbara Pastirik, who attends with her daughter, Karen. There are 13 members but the number varies from time to time. They meet every Tuesday from 12:30 to about 3 p.m. at 222 King St. in Welland.

The Lion's Aces are looking for new members. Anyone wanting more information can contact Mrs. Coats at 735-3887 or Mrs. Kovach at 734-7150.

The club receives a small donation from the Lions Club but "we are on our own," Mrs. Coats said.

During the meetings business is mixed with laughter. Members tease each other about everything from forgotten glasses to who has been drinking all the coffee.

"We have to laugh today because we might cry tomorrow," Mrs. Kovach said.

The lone male member, Ernie Newburgh, laughs when anyone suggests he is in his glory surrounded by women. Ernie attends with his wife, Sherry, who is also a member. They drive in from St. Catharines.

"I'm hoping once the membership drive is underway we'll get more males. There's lots out there," Mr. Newburgh said.

Sharing

Following the meetings members either work on crafts for sales or socialize. Sitting around the tables, coffee and cigarettes nearby, they share their frustrations and their favorite jokes.

"Some people think just because you are handicapped you can't do anything," Georgette Raby said, raising her voice. That attitudes make her angry.

Mrs. Kovach said, "We have to fight. If you're disabled you have to work twice as hard. But we can do it."

Fighting hard to do the best they can at whatever they do, these lions are aces — whether or not they do exercises.

Competition fee paid by students

Marketing students decided to pay their own way this year to compete in the Ontario College Marketing Competition.

"In the past students have approached SAC for money and they have been generous," Larry Cote, co-ordinator, said. This year, they want to be "totally independant."

Eighteen second-year marketing students from Niagara College are entered. Judges are sales and business managers from industry presenting opportunities for job leads. The industry-sponsored competition was at Mohawk College in Hamilton last Thursday and Friday, but results were not known at press time.

"Students have placed very well and I expect they will do very well this year too," Mr Cote said.

The seven events are: terminology quiz bowl, sales representation, mathematics, job interviews and case studies in marketing, human relations and merchandising.

"The emphasis is on student achievement and not on any one college," he said.

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Message given

Peace in nuclear age still elusive

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

Those who created the nuclear age were warned at the chilling, numbing dawn of that day of the problems it would cause. To simply say that signing an agreement would solve the problem is not correct.

Neither is calling for Canada to become a nuclear-free zone as simple as it seems in an interdependant world, due to Canada's vulnerable position between the two superpowers.

This is the message from George Ignatieff, former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, to an audience and Brock University.

Mr. Ignatieff, 73, now living in Toronto with his wife, Allison, was born in Leningrad where his father was a minister under the Czar before they emigrated to France in 1917. His family emigrated to Canada in 1928

He is president of the Science for Peace organization which sponsored the speech.

"I cannot see Canada being neutral as the Soviets will not accept it unless they have assurance the United States will not use Canada land and water for military tests and the U.S. simply will not accept this neutrality either, and both must agree to it for it to work," Mr. Ignatieff said.

Whether calling for a ban, neutrality or whatever, the issue becomes a strategy of survival in the nuclear age. The problem was created by technology over 40 years ago and nobody has been able to solve it.

STILL TRYING

"At the very first post-war disarmament conference, an attempt was made to ban nuclear weapons and we are still trying to find the answers to the same questions today," Mr Ignatieff said.

The risk of nuclear war is increasing due to manoeuvring over conflict areas, uncontained wars and superpower intervention that could escalate into a major war.

Mr. Igantieff has been to several conferences in the Soviet Union and said the people do not have the answers either and they are just as confused.

"We must think of the implications. We have got 21st century weapons with a 19th century way of thinking and that is the challenge for the schools today," Mr. Ignatieff said pounding the podium with emotion.

It is misleading to call it an arms race becaue it is a rivalry and the reality is that niether side is willing to play by the rules or to be dependent on the other. The rivalry goes on within the military services and the lobbying of the military-industrial complex.

GREATEST HOPE

"The greatest hope we have at the moment is that the excessive expenditures of the military have caused great economic problems which represents the best hope that both sides will come to their senses," he said.

In the Soviet Union, certain new economic priorities of economic reforms have been set to meet consumer demands and over-expenditures in arms have created a serious balance of payments deficit. In the United States, Congress is trying to put limits on a serious deficit problem for the same reason.

Mr. Ignatieff said that there should be a reciprocal reduction on a radical scale, a ban on nuclear systems testing, a joint crisis management system, a banning of first use of nuclear weapons, responsibility of the Arctic should be put under NATO, a respect for all existing arms treaties, East-West exchanges should be promoted by Canada and an attempt to take advantage of existing conditions to use space for peaceful purposes by Canada.

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Handicapped kids for ECE centre

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Since 1984 developmentally handicapped children have been intergrated into the Early Childhood Education Centre at Niagara College.

The ECE centre now has eight developmentally handicapped children from Welland Pre-school Services under the Association for Community Living, formerly known as Jack and Jill and two of their resource teachers. The children, aged between two and six, have delays in speech and environment, or have Down's syndrome.

Ability

"For these kids the ability to say mummy or daddy cannot be taken for granted as you would with normal kids," Cheryl Campbell, a resource teacher, said.

Miss Campbell and Diane Langs, the other resource teacher, are each responsible for working with four children. Every day, half an hour is spent on a one-to-one basis with each child.

"We do informal testing, and the psychometrist does formal testing," Miss Langs said.

"We set goals based on what the professional consultants tell us."

Rewarding

It is very rewarding to see these children learning and improving, both teachers said.

"It's better to teach them when they are young. The first five years are important because what they learn then will stick with them when they are older," Miss Campbell said.

"A lot depends on a child's home environment," Miss Langs said.

Welland Pre-school Services offer an in-home program in which resource teachers work work hand in hand with parents to help them carry on the things the children are taught in school.

"Parents have a lot of input," Miss Campbell said. "We talk a lot with them, about what they want to see happen with their children. We plan together as much as we can."

Stimulation

"The children actually fit in quite well," Miss Campbell said. "Most little kids do not notice the differences."

All the children adapted quite easily to the environment, although some have problems finding things, Miss Campbell said.

"This environment is better for them because there is more stimulation. There is a lot of speech going on," Miss Campbell said. "Children learn from their peers. It's also nice to be among other children."

"This work is never dull because everthing is always changing. There's always a lot going on," Miss Langs said.

Citizens oppose dump plan anti-dump rally

A group of concerned and responsible citizens which wants to stop the building of a toxic waste dump in Niagara farmland is organizing its second "people power convention" Nov. 29 to demonstrate opposition to the proposed toxic waste facility in West Lincoln.

The West Lincoln Task Force is holding its second people power convention at the St. Catharines Garden City Arena to make people aware of the issue and to suggest alternatives.

The task force is seeking a better solution to the problem of disposing of toxic wastes than simply burying them in the ground, especially the rich soil of "uniquely agricultural Niagara."

SEEKS EXEMPTION

The task force wants Niagara's farmland to be exempt from being used for toxic waste disposal, and it wants to promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and mobile technology to treat or destroy toxic wastes at their source.

The group was formed in 1984 to oppose the Ontario Waste Management Corporation after the OWMC has identified West Lincoln as a preferred site for the facility.

Task force members are committed to both opposing and stopping the building of a toxic dump in Niagara. The people power convention starts at 7 p.m., Nov. 29, and will feature speakers and entertainment by Canadian singer Murray Mclauchan. Organizers said there are only 3,500 tickets.

Two volunteers were on campus last week to distribute pamphlets, make people aware of what is going on, and promote the convention.

Students are interested and many are committed to the cause, Lynda Bradley, a people power volunteer, said.

Computer on loan

A computer on loan from the Welland campus is giving theatre students practical experience that will be required when they enter the work force.

"Computers are becoming such a main part of theatre, it's becoming a detriment not to have one," Doug Rathbun, lighting instructor said.

An IBM AT was loaned to the Theatre Centre last January and is familiarizing first and second-year students with computer operation.

On loan for one year, the computer "got held up" in September, 1985, and did not arrive until last January, Mr. Rathbun said. "We've asked for an extension until April."

Because of the computer-aided instruction, "students won't have to have training when they go out to work."

The high-end IBM AT is a top of the line computer with a 20 megabyte storage capacity. A lot can be stored on this computer, he said.

TESTS LIGHTING

For first-year students, a program has been designed relating to different aspects of lighting and involves drills and tests. Two software packages on lighting for second-year students aids in light calculations and how these are done on stage.

Other software packages give students instruction in personal skills, management skills and stage management through hypothetical situations.

Some students are receiving computer-aided instruction in typing which will be needed for employment in fields such as production management, stage management, administration, marketing and publicity.

The Theatre Centre has put in an order to purchase a Compaq computer that will be paid for from capital funds received last May.

Mr. Rathbun has taken a course on computer language at the main campus and spends four hours a week in the computer centre.

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BERT BELL

Hennepin Gallery has new curator

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

Tucked away in a corner of Hennepin Hall is a gallery of delights — an on-campus art gallery — where the only admission charge is the viewer's interest.

Carol Farrar of Niagara Falls is the gallery's new curator. Ms. Farrar is a practising artist (acrylics and calligraphy) and an instructor at Welland High School.

Ms. Farrar said she feels an obligation to present "all different kinds of art to the community" and she intends "a fresh approach" in the exhibits she is planning for the new year.

The new curator hopes "to give a showcase to local artists" in the Hennepin gallery and has already planned an exhibit involving all the art instructors of the Niagara south Board of Education for Feb.6.

Ms. Farrar became curator of the gallery in July after a "small crisis" left the gallery without a curator last winter. Tom Fraser, a chemistry instructor on campus, said the "small crisis" arose when the three curators of the gallery quit, but fortunately Ms. Farrar had "expressed interest" in assuming the volunteer position.

CAROL FARRAR

Ms. Farrar said shows are generally planned a year in advance, so she is administering the program set up by her predecessors. The new year will allow Ms. Farrar to choose her own exhibitors.

Ms. Farrar's background includes a BA in art and art history from the University of Toronto, a bachelor of education degree from Queen's University and a three-year diploma in creative arts from Sheridan College.

It was at Queen's that Ms. Farrar took an education degree which gave her an Ontario Teacher's Certificate. Ms. Farrar said the program presents alternatives to an "art education without necessarily focusing on the classroom."

A month's placement at Rodman Hall in St. Catharines in 1984 allowed her the opportunity of "teaching in a gallery situation." Another year was spent learning framing techniques in a Yorkville gallery of Toronto.

Last year Ms. Farrar taught at Niagara Falls High School where she found she "missed the gallery aspect of my career." She realized "I wanted to keep up my gallery experience."

Ms. Farrar admits it is essential to have a "strong contact" on campus (Mr. Fraser) who helps with the gallery's invitations and exhibits. She credits Mr. Fraser with having a lot to do with the gallery's founding and existence.

Ms. Farrar intends to present a balance of exhibits between local and out-of-town artists. She is looking for a "really nice mix of different things" to offer in the gallery in the coming year. Ms. Farrar's mother is Mary Farrar, the information officer in the career library.

Paintings preserve barn heritage

Soft shades of white and black captured the quiet serenity of simpler times enjoyed by residents of rural Niagara years ago. It was the functional wooden structures in the farm yards of Niagara fruit growers and their rustic beauty that caught the eye of Michael Dobson.

It's the role of the artist to show the beauty of life that's in everyday objects, a role Mr. Dobson fulfills with his watercolors of Niagara's fruit barns on display in the Hennepin Gallery until Nov. 29. He captures the simple charm of the past that would noramlly go unnoticed but is now enriched and preserved by his collection.

Mr. Dobson sees his role as twofold, first as an artist and secondly as a historian keeping detailed information on all the barns, records which will preserve the heritage of the region Mr. Dobson recorded structural details, noting the design features and taking precise measurements of each barn.

Mr. Dobson started to paint the fruit barns in color, but he wasn't happy with the results and changed to black and white that set an almost somber mood in his work. Most people are surprised when they first see the black and white watercolors, he said he doesn't know anyone else who uses them.

The use of watercolors is said to be a difficult technique to master; there is an old saying among painters, that you have to make a hundred watercolors before you know how to make one work properly. The fine brush work of his paintings shows a great concern for detail.

Mr. Dobson, who has been a full-time artist for the last four years, took two years in completing 24 paintings. He will only sell the paintings as a collection to help keep historical record complete as more and more wooden barns are being replaced with metal barns. The collection sells for $8,000.

Mr. Dobson is pleased that interest he showed has made some of the owners more concerned with the upkeep of the barn. One which was run down and in poor condition when he painted it now has a new roof and windows.

Mr. Dobson is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art where he majored in industrial design. Although not formally trained as an artist, he was influenced by close associations with other artists and was director of the Grimsby Art Gallery. He said without the association with artists, he would probably still be a printer.

Not picking up a weekly paycheque is one of the major adjustments Mr. Dobson made when he became an artist. He is represented by Gadatsy Art Gallery in Toronto.

Artist brings his emotions to life

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

Bringing emotions and feelings out from under the surface and on to the canvas allows Douglas Kirton to form his own view of the world around him.

Mr. Kirton brings forth his freethinking ideas and innovativeness in his paintings and makes his enjoyment of work well known to anyone talking to him.

He prefers to work from an abstract idea rather than from a concrete object or scene attempting to catch the mood as opposed to the surface feelings.

His paintings are exnibited at the Hennepin Art Gallery until tomorrow.

His paintings show an environmental concern which arose fairly late; as an urban person he had not been able to get close to nature.

In Second Cascade, rather than painting a snapshot, he basically worked from his head remembering the impression he received from the scene as he does not want to be too real.

In his paintings about a pond he called Toxic pond, he tried to be "raucous in terms of colors."

Lanscape is a perfect medium for painting in itself in comparison to the picky work of a city perspective which has so many straight lines, Mr Kirton said. "In nature you can get wild and let loose bending things into shape."

In Toxic Pond No.4, he said he had a feeling of intoxication when doing the painting which is how the pond came to rest in a brandy glass.

He uses as a heavy a paint as possible without the paint falling off. In Second Cascade, "the water is just trowelled on very splashy."

Comments on Mr. Kirton's paintings have ranged from Chris Pew's comment that "the way he splashes the paint and leaves it there really provokes a response" to Cyrill Nieuwland commenting that the paintings had a different mood, "not quite eerie, but a dark mood."

"I basically work directly from the sources and sometimes I may use photos from National Geographic. I am now working directly from nature taking the picture and working from that. I may only look at a scene a couple of times using it as a point of departure."

Mr. Kirton's paintings are not a duplication of the scene but a combination of the impression the place leaves on him and reality.

"I am interested in a certain sense of abstraction in depicting a specific place generalized to my own emotional framework."

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Condors frustrated by Knights defence

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team frustrated a Conestoga comeback with clutch shooting and moments of good defence to win 86-79 in their home opener on Nov. 6.

Niagara jumped to a 22-12 lead in the first 10 minutes because of Conestoga's wild passing and poor shooting. The Condors, led by Ed Janssen, gained their composure to close the gap to 42-39 at halftime. Ten minutes into the second half, the Condors tied it at 54 and Niagara never fell behind.

"We weren't thinking out there. We didn't pay any attention to their fast break," Knights guard Scott Gifford said explaining the team's defensive lapse.

Whenever Conestoga closed the gap, usual Niagara standouts scored crucial points. Point getters for Niagara were Gord Bonisteel with 27, Fred Jashanmal, 24, and Scott Gifford, 13.

Conestoga high scorers were Mark Ortelli with 22, Corky Butcher, 18, and Adrian Rombouts, 13.

A good indication of how Conestoga came back was the foul shot total. The Condors were good on 22 out of 29 foul shots and the Knights completed 10 of 12.

Carmine Colorocchio was instrumental in sparking the team at crucial moments with his dribbling. On two separate occasions, once when the score was tied, he came off the bench to beat two opponents by dribbling the ball through his legs and then getting the basket.

"The team showed a lot of character by not being intimidated," assistant coach Bob Bedesky said. "We stood up to a tough physical team."

RED CROSS YOUTH

Chernobyl fallout affects deer, way of life will end, says reporter

By MARLENE NAGEL
Staff writer

Swedish journalist Paul Doj is seeing the end of a way of life for the Samiid people in Sweden because of the Chernobyl nuclear accident in the Soviet Union. His people are reindeer herders who, because of the fallout over Sweden, are seeing their reindeer being slaugtered and buried because they cannot be eaten. In two or three years Mr. Doj is afraid Swedish government will decide to stop the herding of all reindeer.

Mr. Doj spoke at Brock University about the effects of the nuclear power plant accident to convince people to question their governments.

"We must find alternatives to nuclear power plants," he said. "It's not the money,...it is the end of a way of life."

People will not buy anything to do with reindeer because of the psychological effects; they know what has happened to the herds.

In the early 1970s there were debates in Sweden whether or not to have nuclear plants in Sweden and the people voted in favor in 1977. In 1979 they voted on whether to let the plants function for as long as they were effective, to close them in the year 2010, or to close them right away.

FELT SAFE

It was voted to close them in 2010. The Samiids always thought they were safe from the plants in Sweden. They never thought they had anything to fear from Chernobyl.

There were 8 different radioactive particles in the explosion.

Since the fallout in April, the Samiid have slaugtered 20,000 reindeer; only 2,000 were edible. In September, they slaughtered 134 reindeer none were edible. The herds were tested for cesium, a radioactive particle from the explosion. The calves had twice as much cesium as the cows. Dr. Doj estimated by next year the calves will have three times the amount.

Dr. Doj believes there will be more nuclear accidents. The accident was caused by the human being who worked there, he said; if the workers are stressed new accidents will happen.

Cesium in a human body can cause cancer. Mr. Doj beleives there will also be a psychological effect which will show in two to three years. No one in Sweden was prepared for the fallout.

"We can't see it (cesium), can't smell it, can't touch it, but we know it is there," Mr. Doj said.

The Swedish government is paying the herders full price for their reindeer and feeding the meat to foxes and mink. But the government is afraid the animals may also be affected by the cesium and it may put a stop to it.

"What our message is to you...close down the nuclear power plants," Mr. Doj said. "Find another way you can."

Fewer grants for colleges

While Ontario universities will get an 11.5 per cent increase in operating grants next year, colleges will be forced to keep their belts tightened as they will receive only a 4.3 per cent increase.

"In fairness, the ministry of colleges and universities is concerned for the colleges as well, but the government finds itself in a position where both the colleges and universities are severely underfunded and it cannot correct this in one or two years," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

As shown earlier this month, the universities have taken a strong lobbying appproach and it appears to be a case of the "squeaking wheel getting the oil," Miss Robarts said.

Part of the problem for the colleges is that they have received a $60 million increase in their operating grants to cover the new teachers' agreement. While things may seem to even out in this context, the 11.5 per cent increase for the universities will go towards non-salary related items.

Miss Robarts stressed that she was not criticizing the teachers' salaries or was against teachers. She said it was a great agreement and she hoped that it would benefit the quality of education.

The 4.3 per cent increase is an average for all Ontario colleges and since Niagara College is in an area of less growth, it will probably receive only about a three per cent increase. This figure was arrived at from simulations done by Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services.

Alex Elliott, chairman of the Board of Governors, Miss Robarts, and Mr. LaRose met with ministry officials last Wednesday to discuss the college and make them more aware of the situation.

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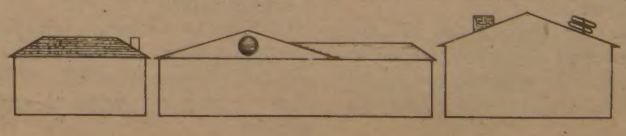

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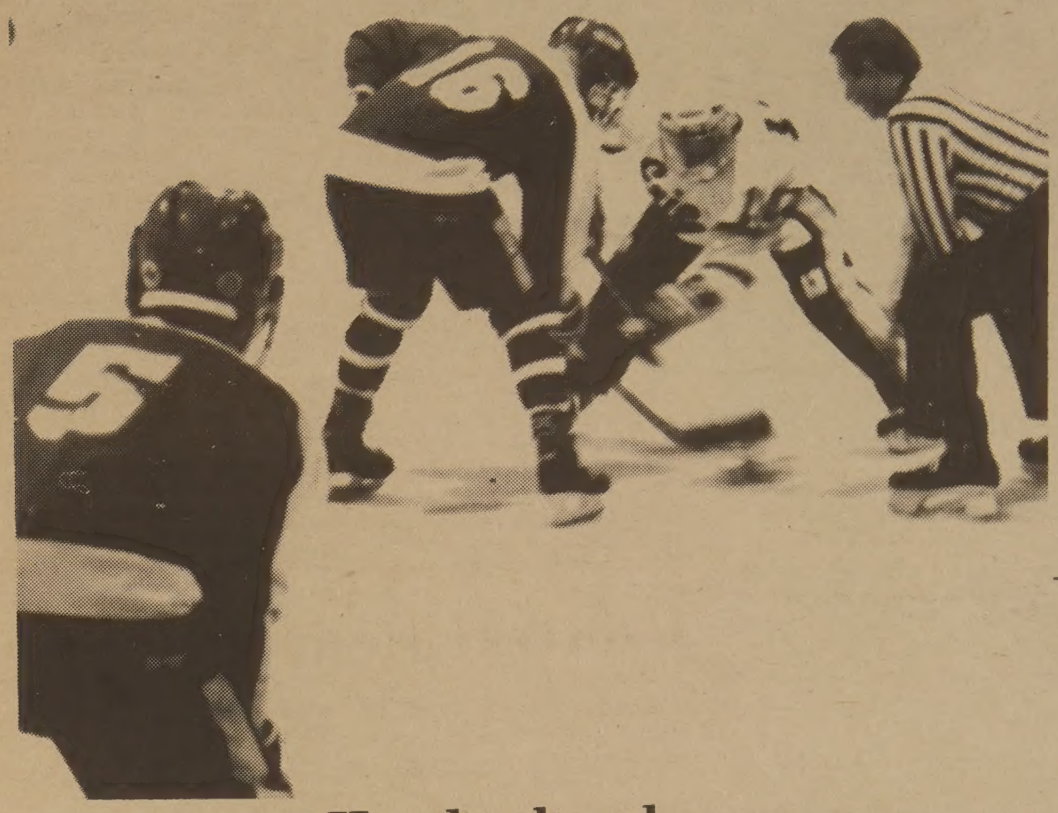

Head to head

Wayne Conn faces off against an Erie player as defenceman Bryan Millejours waits for the start of play. The Knights lost 7-3 to the Erie Community College Kats.

Photo by Douglas Ives

Huskies beat Knights in season opener

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

Though they came within one point late in the second half, the Niagara Knights women's basketball team lost its season opener 61-56 against the George Brown Huskies last Wednesday in Toronto.

"We pressured but just didn't do it very well due to a lack of conditioning," Knights' coach Mizette Critelli said.

That was evident in the opening minutes; the Huskies came out strong, dominating the Knights as they scored eight points in the first four minutes.

Coach Critelli said the team was not showing any pressure in the early minutes and were playing "poor defence." Five minutes passed before the Knights could get on the scoreboard; it made the score 8-2. But the Huskies soon saw their six-point lead dwindle to two as the Knights started to pressure the defence and sharpen their shooting.

Niagara narrowed the gap 9-7 with more than 11 minutes to play in the half and proceeded to take the lead on an inside shot by Sandra Hogeveen. At halftime, the Huskies began to attack against the Knights and took the lead 26-20.

LED KNIGHTS

Marcia Vanderzanden, a second-year player, led the Knights in scoring with 17 points followed by Jane Hargreaves, a rookie, with 9. Kim Robinson led the Huskies with 12.

The beginning of the second half was a repeat performance with the Huskies dominating early and jumping ahead to a 10-point lead. But the Knights came back, closing the gap 32-30 at the 15-minute mark and came within one, 39-38, with 11 minutes left.

Knights lose game in second half rally

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

A Mohawk Mountaineer fast defensive press in the second half blew open a close game with the Niagara Knights men's basketball team to win 87-64. The Nov.4 game in Hamilton was their first.

The game was close until the second half. Mohawk, led by the Gaunt twins, Richard and Jim, out-hustled the Knights to produce a comfortable margin in the first five minutes and they never faltered.

Mohawk's coach Barry Hutton said his team ran the court and shot the ball better in the second half. Defensively, he said the team added an "increased amount of pressure which had

High point-getters for Mohawk were Richard Gaunt with 20, Jim Gaunt, 18, and Al Zorro 10.

Niagara leaders were Fred Jashanmal with 18 and Gord Bonisteel 14.

Niagara had a slim lead for most of the first half but lost it at the end. The Mohawk pace quickened as the game progressed. Richard Gaunt scored a basket from the front of the key just as the buzzer sounded

Niagara's assistant coach Bob Bedesky said that due to his team's inexperience, the Mountaineers' full court press "scrambled our brains." He said his team needs to learn to break out of this defence.

Knights' worst start in nine years, lose against two U.S. teams

By DOUG IVES
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights hockey team is off to its worst start in nine years with a record of 0-3.

The Knights were beaten 11-9 Nov. 8 in Rochester against the University of Rochester and 7-5 against Penn State Nov. 1 at Penn State.

Hard-hitting Mike Korolenchuk led the Knights with a four-goal performance in Rochester, his third goal coming on an end-to-end rush in the third period to bring Niagara within one.

The Knights came out slowly at the start of all three periods allowing Rochester to score a total of nine goals in the opening minutes of the periods.

Niagara looked to be on its way to its first victory, controlling the play in the first period which ended with the Knights

Rochester tied the score with three quick goals in the second but Niagara retook the lead on a Bob Bird breakaway goal.

The third period was a penalty-filled 20 minutes that had Niagara playing short-handed and trying to make a comeback after Rochester scored four in a row.

Niagara made a goalie change mid-way in the third replacing Kirk Patterson with Tony Celli. Celli came on cold but made some good saves to keep the Knights in the game.The Knights pulled the goalie in favor of the extra skater. Niagara had a few scoring chances but couldn't hit the mark. Rochester put it away with a goal into Niagara's empty net in the last minutes.

Niagara got two goals from Bob Turner and singles from Doug Jones, Devis Milani and Bill Rynberk.

AGAINST PENN

The game against Penn State was a good effort for Niagara but the puck just wouldn't bounce its way.

The game was wide open from the start with good end-to-end action. The Knights got on the board first with a short-handed goal on a breakaway by Doug Jones assisted by Pat Flynn. Penn State then scored two goals giving them a 2-1 edge going into the second period.

Niagara scored less than four minutes into the second on a back-handed shot by Neil MacDonald who was left standing out front of the Penn State net. State's fast skating forwards were giving the Niagara defence all they could handle, outscoring the Knights 3-1 in the second.

The third period saw Niagara controlling more of the play and getting good chances. Bob Bird scored at 6:07 on a booming shot from the point by the Penn keeper assisted by Devis Milani. Niagara's next goal came from hard-working Mark Turner with less than eight minutes to play. Devis Milani, selected as a game star, scored the last Niagara marker with only 17 seconds remaining.

The Knights play back-to-back games against Buffalo State this Friday in Cheektowoga and Saturday in Welland for its home opener. The first home game starts at 8 p.m. at the Welland Arena.

Coach Fred Bassi said, after the loss against Rochester, that there is potential in the team and hopes with the help of assistant coach Cam Wilson that the season can be turned around. The games against Buffalo will be important for Niagara's playoff chances.

Coach Bassi said, to win the players must realize it's a 60 minute game and stop the mental letdowns which have been occurring.

Knights lose game

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team's exhibition record is two wins and nine losses after a 90-73 loss to Bryant and Stratton on Nov. 11. The regular season record is 1-1.

Niagara high scorers were Fred Jashanmal and Gord Bonisteel with 17. Larry Bone scored 12 and Chris Mudjar and Paul Blakely each had 10.

Mike Cheaton and Jeff Reese of Bryant and Stratton led all scorers with 26 points. Art Cathey contributed 13 while Steve Boyd had 12.

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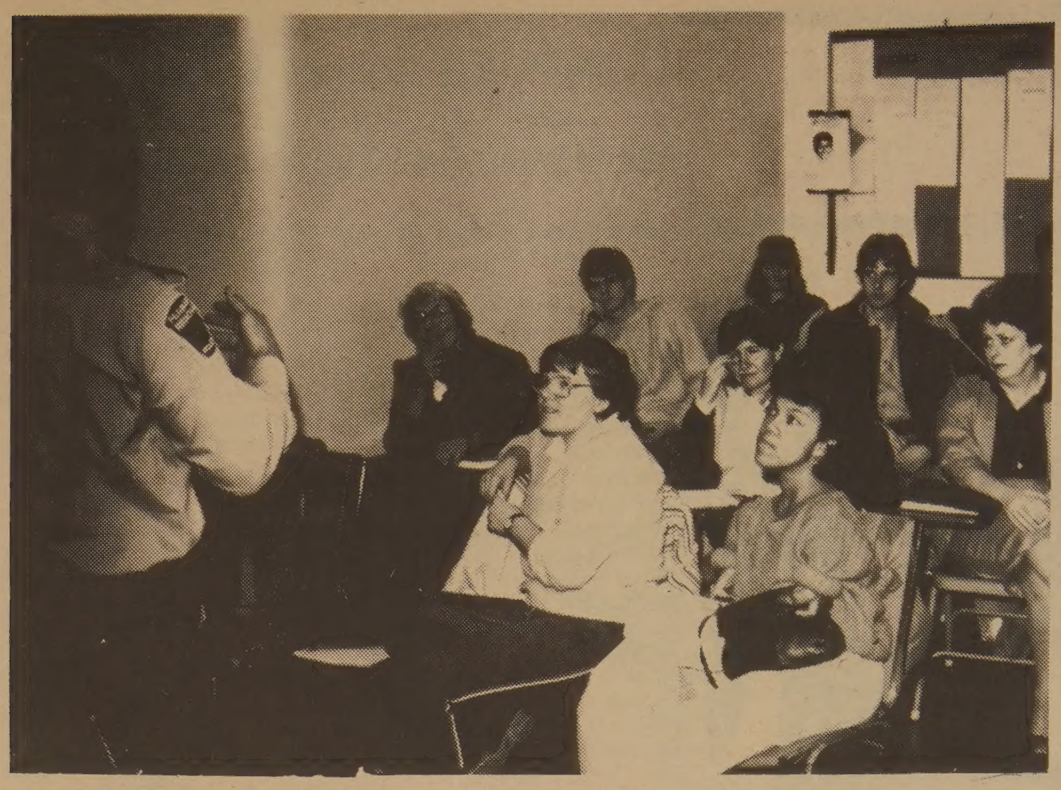

An arresting lecture

Visiting a police station can be an educational experience — whether one goes willingly or not. Acting Sargeant Arthur Rees, Welland Detachment of the Niagara Regional police, held second-year journalism students captive with his explanation of different laws and police procedures. This visit was part of a course in Journalism and the Law.

Library dedication to designer's memory

Paul Johns — a man who gave his time and experience as an Artist/Designer to the community and to his students at Niagara College's Interior Design program — was remembered Oct. 26 when the Public Library in Niagara-on-the-Lake dedicated a room in his memory.

Mr. Johns restored the Public Library which was being used as an open market square in the 1890s.

"He has become a point of our history of our society," Nancy Butler, president of the Historical Society, said.

Things will deteriorate "but not our memories of Paul Johns," she said. "Paul Johns was a doer."

Mr. Johns restored the library, and the Lord Mayor's office and reception area in 1981. He also restored many private homes and area businesses in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"Paul Johns was a great visionary", Ellen Zwart, chairman of the Library Board, said. "I would like to dedicate this upper room the Paul Johns Room."

Mr. Johns died last December; he was an instructor at Niagara College for 12 years.

He was a great guy, Nadeen Vantrigt, third-year interior design student, said. "Mr. Johns was on the level; he was easy to relate to."

Some of Mr. Johns' sketches were presented. Each sketch was reconstructed through research of what the home or building would have looked like 200 years ago.

The library is the oldest working library in Canada, Miss Zwart said.

In the 1800s there were only 440 books in the library and today there are more than 44,000 books on the shelves.

"We really miss him at the museum," Ms. Butler said.

Addiction Awareness Week

Niagara Region battles addiction

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Swallowing, sniffing, smoking or shooting drugs, it seems to many people, are instant solutions to problems caused by life's increasing pressures. But while drugs relieve many medical problems for some, they create just as many social and medical ones for those who abuse them.

Addiction Awareness Week, from Nov. 16 to 23, is a campaign throughout the Niagara Region that will stress the consequences of drug abuse. The campaign's theme, "Try Hugs not drugs," stresses that there are alternative ways to solve problems, Carmela Di Flumeri, community consultant for the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF), Niagara Centre, said.

This is the first year the Niagara Region has held Addiction Awareness Week, Mrs. Di Flumeri said.

The week's events were kicked off with a cocaine workshop on Nov. 12, a draw for a teddy bear mascot Nov. 14 and mayoral proclamations in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland and Port Colborne on Nov. 15.

During the week a series of films for children entitled Butt It Out, Never Listen to a Bottle, Alcohol, the Inside Story, and Keep off the Grass will be shown on Channel 10. The St. Catharines Public Library will have a film festival and resource display.

MANY INVOLVED

Community hospitals, health and addiction services, businesses, libraries, schools, health care professionals and clergy have been encouraged to become involved.

The campaign is sponsored by the ARF and the Addiction Services Mobilizing Committee.

The Addiction Services Mobilizing Committee is made up of community representatives. Their focus is on addictions, the delivery of addiction services, as well as the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

Some of the fundraising money will go towards establishing a scholarship fund for a Niagara resident to attend the George Brown addiction counsellor's course. It is hoped that this will extend beyond the week and become an annual event, Mrs. Di Flumeri said.

Mrs. Di Flumeri will be at Niagara College Nov. 27 for its Alcohol Awareness Week from Nov. 24 to 28.

A member of the Niagara Regional Police will give a presentation and show a film in the Hamilton room on Nov. 25. Throughout the week there will be an information booth in the Tecumseh centre.

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as the governing body of wheelchair sports.

"The sports include everything but high jump," he said.

Rick is a "world-class athlete" according to Mr. DeMol who has met him. He is a premier marathoner, setting world records consistently.

Rick's purpose for the tour is to create a world-wide awareness of the potential of disabled people and raise funds to establish the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Canadian Trust Fund, Mr. DeMol said.

Already more than $2 million of the hoped for $10 million has been raised. All money will be put in the trust fund and used for three purposes, primarily spinal cord research, but also for rehabilitation and wheelchair sports.

"Fund-raising has really peaked since he has reached Canada," he said.

"It is not a one-shot deal," he said "It's an ongoing project." Intrest each year will enable researchers to continue looking for cures and answers to spinal cord injuries.

Rick received recognition before starting his man in motion tour. He was a member of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Team, was in an exhibiton wheelchair race at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and was co-winner of the Lou Marsh award for Canada's outstanding athlete of the year in 1983.

He was pushing a gruelling 130 kilometres a day, but because of endurance problems has dropped to 80 kilometres. Mr. DeMol said with winter coming, his distance may drop lower. He has been in warmer climates during Canadian winters.

A new invention may be built for him, a four-wheel drive wheelchair designed to provide traction on Canadian roads during the ice and snow of winter. Special clothing wil be designed, also.

Terry Fox, the one-legged runner who started his dream of running across Canada for cancer research, was a good friend of Rick's.

"They were teammates on a Vancouver wheelchair basketball team," Mr. DeMol said.

Many people are getting involved with Rick through countless fund-raising activities. And by jamming the sidewalks and street in support of his dream, hoping to catch a glimpse of the man as he wheels himself past the crowd towards his goal. But as the sign says, the finish line is only the beginning.

And to agree with the slogan on the buttons, "We're with you, Rick."

Contest nearing end

Only two weeks are left in the women's rights contest being sponsored by the women's resource area of the career library.

So far 24 of the 30 questions have been posted on the walls of the career library and 19 people have entered the contest, Mary Farrar, information officer at the career library, said.

She said with two weeks left there is still time to enter the contest and have a chance at a prize.

Some questions asked during the early part of the contest were: "Who said,'You will make me the most hated woman in Canada'?" and "who were the famous five?" The answers to these and the others can be found in thte women's resource section of the career library.

Mrs. Farrar said the contest has made the career library more noticeable; students come in and ask what the contest is about.

She said the contest is "to raise their consciousness, besides it's fun."

Right now two people are tied for first place, but that can change in the next two weeks, she said.

Overall answers will be posted Dec. 2 on the wall in the career library. An awards presentation will be held on Dec. 3 at 2:30 and anyone interested is welcome. The last possible day to enter the contest is Nov. 30.

New schedule for computers

Access to the computers at Niagara College on weekends will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

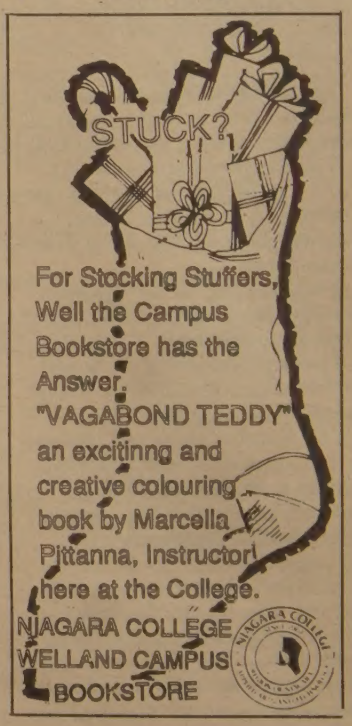
Students in day and evening programs had difficulty finding time to use the computers although the hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday, since some students work, Hans van der Slagt, dean, School of Business, said.

On Sept. 20 a central processing unit, the $1,000 "brain" of the computer was stolen from the college.

The school will have to "monitor the situation carefully," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Instructor wins Texas Mickey

Winner if the Tourism "Texas Mickey" draw is Louise Bardswich, computer programming instructor, with winning ticket number 064555. More than 600 tickets were sold. Profits will go toward the class trip to Cartagena, Columbia, Nov. 28.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